

# Smarter Balanced Assessment Data

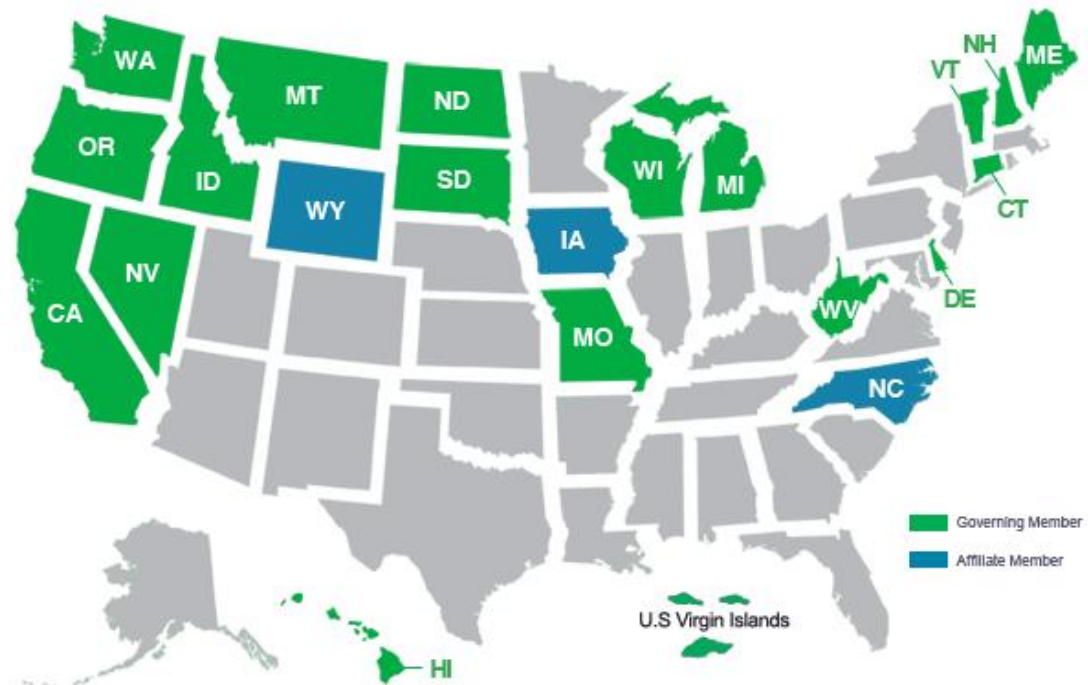
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# Smarter Balanced at a Glance

- 23 Members: 21 States, US Virgin Islands, Bureau of Indian Education
- Represent more than 14 million students.
- Formative, Interim, and Summative assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics.



# Achievements in the Last 12 Months

- New home at UCLA
- Released open source assessment software (Assessment Production, Test Delivery, Scoring, Reporting, Digital Library)
- Summative tests delivered to more than 7 million students in 18 states.
- Millions of interim tests delivered.
- More than 570,000 registered teachers on the digital library.
- More than 200 colleges accept Smarter Balanced assessment for placement purposes.

# Innovative Features

- Constructed Responses: Graphing, Equations
- Accessibility Features: Text-To-Speech, Refreshable Braille, Tactile Graphics, more
- Computer Adaptive Tests



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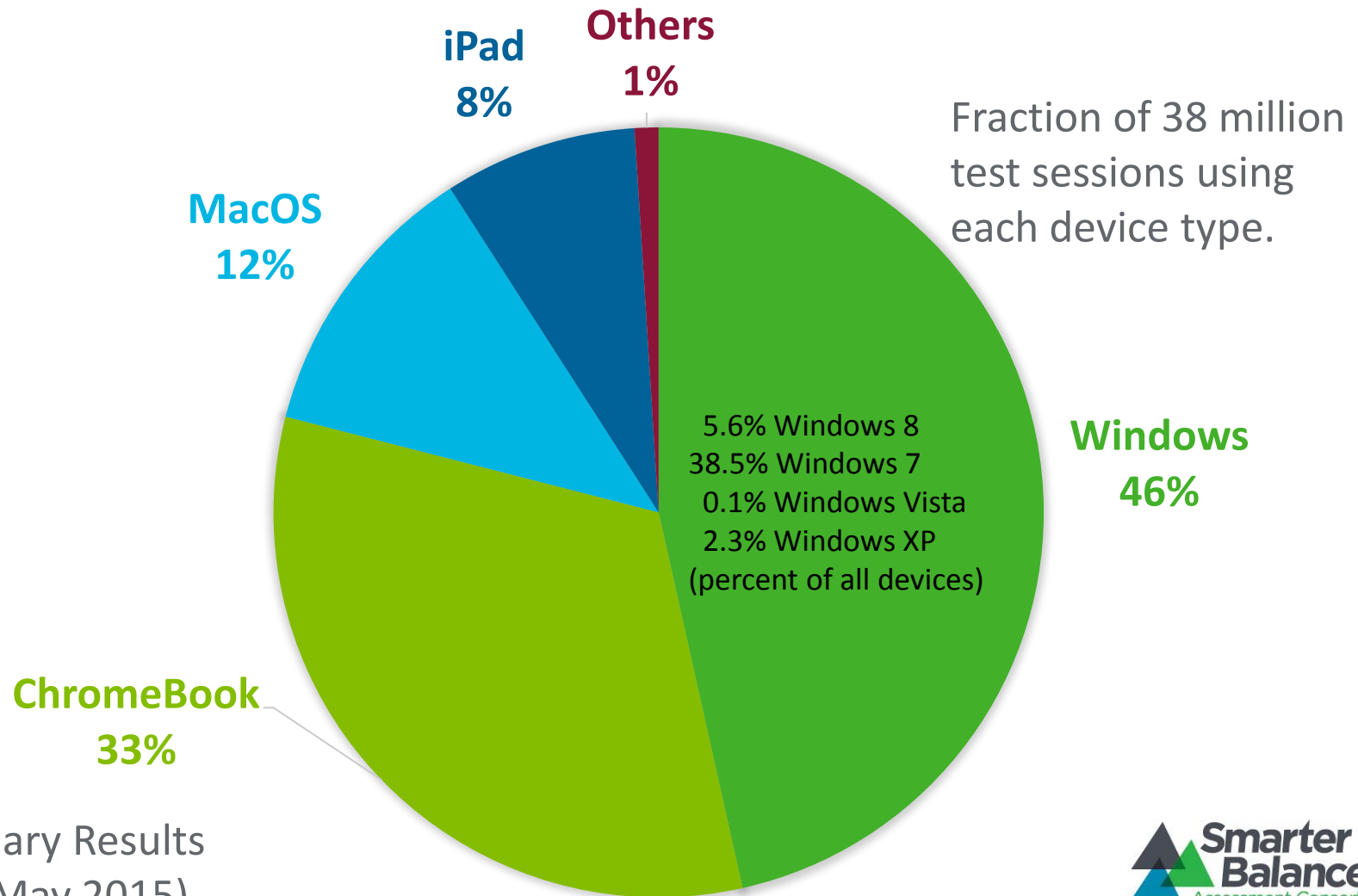
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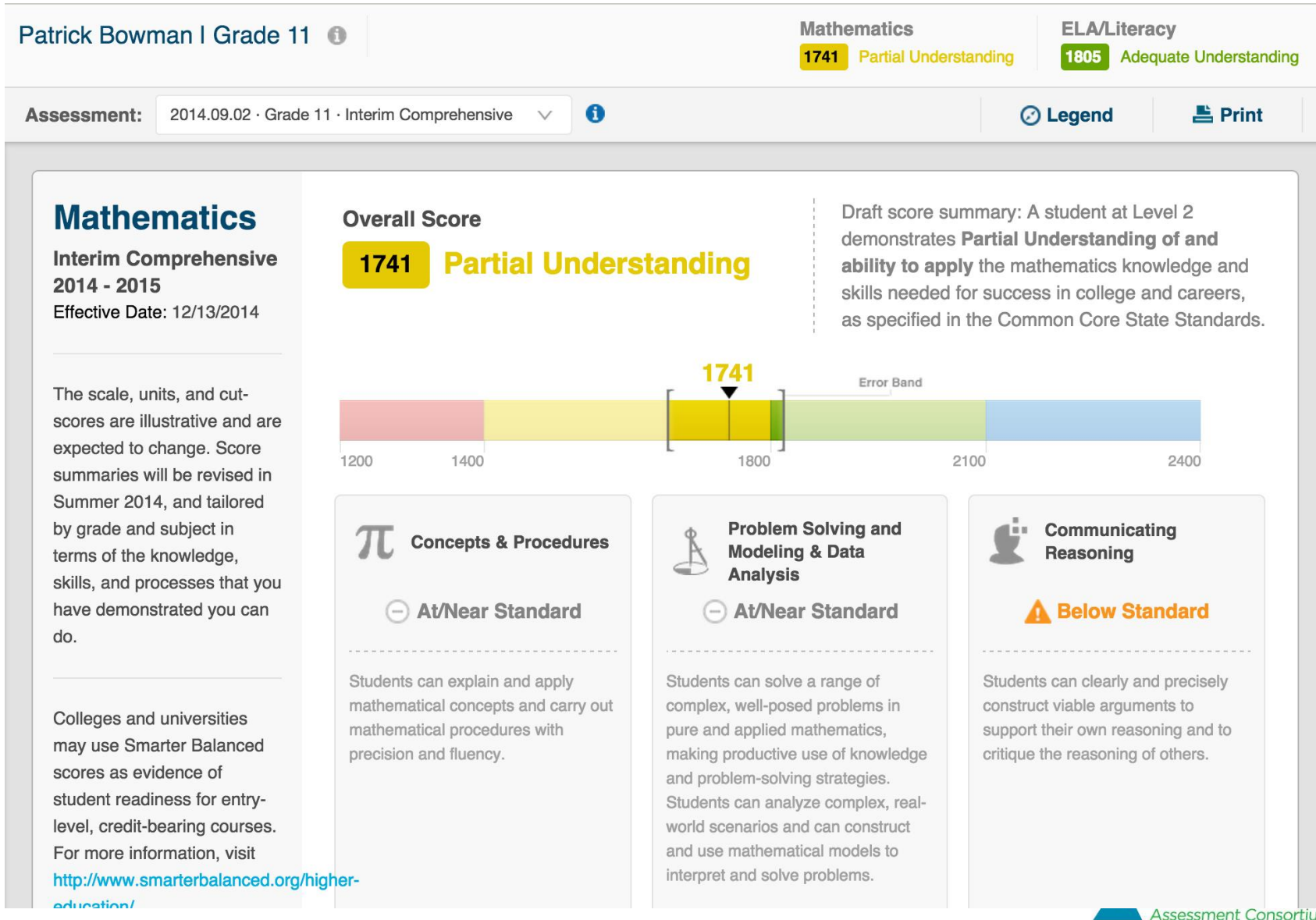
# Devices Used in Spring 2015 Tests



# Test Results Data

- Student Info
  - Identity (optional)
  - Demographics
    - School, District (optional)
    - State
    - Ethnicity, Economically Disadvantaged, IEP/504
- Assessment Session Info
  - Location
  - Form
  - Test Administrator ID
  - Testing Device
- Student Responses
  - Item Responses
  - Item Scores
  - Accessibility Feature Designation and Availability
- Test Results
  - Overall Scale Score
  - Standard Error
  - Achievement Level
  - Claim Scores
  - Claim Achievement Levels

# Sample Individual Student Report



# Interoperability Standards and Specifications used by Smarter Balanced

- Common Core State Standards
- SmarterApp Assessment Item Format
- Common Education Data Standards (CEDS)
  - Smarter Balanced Test Results Loaded into “Align”
- IMS Content Packaging
- SAML and OAuth (Single sign-on)
- Smarter Balanced Profile of IMS QTI/APIP\*
- LRMI and Learning Registry\*
- Accessible Rendered Item format (ARI)\*

\*Planned



# Technical Challenges

- Deploying open source across vendors
- Packaging assessments for multiple vendors
- Collecting data in multiple formats from multiple states and vendors
- Efficient Assessment Production System
- Sustaining pace of innovation

# Addressing Challenges

- Code Update: Focus on reliability, scalability, and deployment
- Assessment production system based on principles and tools used for software production.
- Prototype Accessible Rendered Item Format - “Like a PDF for assessment items.”

# Q&A

- Resources
  - <http://www.smarterbalanced.org>
  - <http://www.smarterapp.org>
    - Specifications including test results